

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of the Claims:**

1. ~~(cancel) An azetidinium-functional polyester.~~
2. (currently amended) A method of treating a substrate which comprises the step of contacting ~~the substrate~~ a cellulosic textile material with a composition comprising an azetidinium functionalised polyester wherein the polyester is synthesised by reacting an amine-containing (di)acid or (di)ol with a suitable co-reactant, and a substrate-compatible carrier including one or more surfactants.
3. ~~(cancel) A method according to claim 2 wherein the substrate comprises a cellulosic or keratinaceous textile material.~~
4. (currently amended) A composition comprising an azetidinium functionalised polyester wherein the polyester is synthesised by reacting an amine-containing (di)acid or (di)ol with a suitable co-reactant, ~~according to claim 1~~ and a substrate-compatible carrier including one or more surfactants.
5. ~~(cancel) A composition according to claim 4 wherein the carrier comprises one or more of water and one or more surfactants.~~
6. (currently amended) A method of preparing a the azetidinium functionalised polyester of claim 4 ~~according to claim 1~~ which comprises the step of:

- a) reacting an amine-containing (di)acid or (di)ol with a suitable co-reactant, and,
  - b) treating the product of step (a) with an epihalohydrin.
- 7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein ~~the~~ step (a) occurs in the presence of a suitable catalyst selected from the group comprising sulphuric acid, *p*-toluenesulphonic acid and a hafnium(IV) compound.
  - 8. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein the diacid is ~~an amine~~ the amine containing material.
  - 9. (original) A method according to claim 8 wherein the diacid is an iminodiacarboxylic acid in which each carboxylic acid moiety has a carbon number of 2-4.
  - 10. (original) A method according to claim 6 in which the diol is a polyalkylene glycol in which the repeat unit has a carbon number of 2-3.